

**PATENT APPLICATION**

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re application of: Taro ITO

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For: IMAGE PROCESSOR

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**IN THE SPECIFICATION:**

Amend the specification by inserting before the first line the sentence:

This is a divisional of Application No. 09/257,953 filed February 26, 1999, the disclosure of which is incorporated herein by reference.

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

**Please cancel claims 1-12 and 14-17 without prejudice or disclaimer.**

**Please add the following new claims:**

18. (New) The image processing device as claimed in claim 13, further comprising:

a frame buffer; and

a fourth element which writes a predetermined one or plurality of said partial straight lines to said frame buffer; and


wherein said third element writes said ranged to said frame buffer.

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REMARKS

Entry and consideration of this Amendment is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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